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II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listing of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A table comprising:
 - a table top having a top surface and a bottom surface;
 - a first leg assembly attached to the table top;
 - a second leg assembly attached to the table top;
 - a first connecting member attached to the bottom surface of the table top, the first connecting member having an outer side and an inner side;
 - a first connecting rod connected to the first connecting member;
 - a first support assembly connected to the first leg assembly and the first connecting rod;
 - and
 - a handle attached to the inner side of the first connecting member, the handle being spaced apart from the first connecting rod, wherein a space is formed between the handle and the bottom surface of the table top so that a person can place their fingers in the space in order to lift the table.

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2. (Currently Amended) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the handle comprises:

a connecting portion ~~having at least a portion of the connecting portion~~ attached to the inner side of the first connecting member; and
a handle portion.

3. (Currently Amended) The table as recited in claim 2, wherein the connecting portion comprises an angled L-iron ~~wherein at least a portion of the angled L-iron is connected to the inner side of the first connecting member.~~

4. (Original) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the handle is formed discretely from the first connecting member.

5. (Original) The table as recited in claim 2, wherein the connecting portion is formed discretely from the handle portion.

6. (Original) The table as recited in claim 1, further comprising a second connecting member facing the first connecting member.

7. (Currently Amended) The table as recited in claim 6, wherein the first connecting rod is further comprising a first connecting bar disposed between the first connecting member and the second connecting member.

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Please cancel Claim 8.

9. (Currently Amended) The table as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
a second connecting member attached to the bottom surface of the table top, the
second connecting member having an outer side and an inner side, the first connecting
rod being disposed between the first connecting member and the second connecting
member;
a second connecting rod being disposed between the first connecting member and
the second connecting member;
a second support assembly connected to the second leg assembly and the second
connecting rod; and
a second handle attached to the inner side of the second connecting member, the
second handle being disposed between and spaced apart from the first connecting rod and
the second connecting rod. ~~claim 6, further comprising a second connecting bar disposed~~
~~between the first connecting member and the second connecting member.~~

Please cancel Claim 10.

11. (Currently Amended) The table as recited in claim 6, further comprising:
a third connecting member placed in the same plane as the first connecting
member on the bottom surface of the table top;
a fourth connecting member placed in the same plane as the second connecting

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member on the bottom surface of the table top, the third connecting member facing the fourth connecting member; and

a second connecting rod ~~bar~~ disposed between the third connecting member and the fourth connecting member.

12. (Original) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the table top comprises blow-molded plastic.

13. (Original) The table as recited in claim 12, wherein the first connecting member is formed integrally with the bottom surface of the table top.

14. (Currently Amended) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the first connecting member is integrally formed with the table top as part of a unitary, one-piece construction, the handle being directly connected to the integrally formed first connecting member. ~~wherein the first leg assembly and the second leg assembly are pivotably connected to the table top.~~

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Please add the following new claims:

15. (New) A table comprising:
- a table top including an upper portion and a lower portion;
 - a first leg assembly movable between an extended position and a collapsed position relative to the table top;
 - a second leg assembly movable between an extended position and a collapsed position relative to the table top;
 - a first connecting member disposed proximate a center portion of the table top, the first connecting member including an attachment portion and a body that is integrally formed in the lower portion of the table top as part of a unitary, one-piece construction; and
 - a first handle directly connected to and contacting the attachment portion of the first connecting member, the first handle being sized and configured to allow a person to grip the handle to facilitate movement of the table.
16. (New) The table as recited in claim 15, wherein the table top is constructed from blow-molded plastic, the table top including a hollow interior portion formed during the blow-molding process; and
- wherein the body of the first connecting member includes a hollow interior portion that is formed during the blow-molding process.

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17. (New) The table as recited in claim 15, wherein the first connecting member includes an inner portion, the first handle being directly connected to and contacting the inner portion of the first connecting member.

18. (New) The table as recited in claim 15, further comprising:

a second connecting member disposed proximate a center portion of the table top, the second connecting member including a body that is integrally formed in the lower portion of the table top as part of a unitary, one-piece construction; and

a second handle directly connected to and contacting the second connecting member, the second handle being sized and configured to allow a person to grip the handle to facilitate movement of the table.

19. (New) The table as recited in claim 18, further comprising:

a first connecting rod disposed between the first connecting member and the second connecting member;

a first support assembly connected to the first connecting rod and the first leg assembly;

a second connecting rod disposed between the first connecting member and the second connecting member; and

a second support assembly connected to the second connecting rod and the second leg assembly.

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20. (New) The table as recited in claim 19, wherein the first handle is spaced apart from the first connecting rod and the second connecting rod; and wherein the second handle is spaced apart from the first connecting rod and the second connecting rod.

21. (New) A table comprising:

a table top constructed from blow-molded plastic, the table top including an upper portion, a lower portion and a hollow interior formed during the blow-molding process;

a first leg assembly movable between an extended position and a collapsed position relative to the table top;

a second leg assembly movable between an extended position and a collapsed position relative to the table top;

a connecting assembly comprising:

a first connecting member connected to the lower portion of the table top and including an attachment surface; and

a first connecting rod connected to the first connecting member;

a first handle directly connected to the attachment surface of the first connecting member, the first handle being firmly and securely attached to the first connecting member to facilitate movement of the table; and

a first support assembly connected to the first connecting rod of the connecting assembly and the first leg assembly, the first support assembly being sized and configured to allow the first leg assembly to move between the extended position and the collapsed position.

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22. (New) The table as recited in claim 21, wherein the first connecting member includes a body that is integrally formed in the lower portion of the table top as part of a unitary, one-piece construction during the blow-molding process.

23. (New) A table comprising:

a table top including an upper portion and a lower portion;

a first leg assembly movable between an extended position and a collapsed position relative to the table top;

a second leg assembly movable between an extended position and a collapsed position relative to the table top; and

a connecting assembly disposed at least partially between the first leg assembly and the second leg assembly, the connecting assembly comprising:

a first connecting member;

a first connecting rod connected to the first connecting member; and

a first handle connected to the first connecting member, the first handle being spaced apart from the first connecting rod.

24. (New) The table as recited in claim 23, wherein the connecting assembly further comprises:

a second connecting member;

a second connecting rod connected to the first connecting member and the second connecting member; and

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a second handle connected to the second connecting member, the second handle being spaced apart from the first connecting rod and the second connecting rod.